



FACT SHEET

I-405 High Occupancy Vehicle Lane from Route 90 to I-10

Background:

Beginning in Orange County, the San Diego Freeway (I-405) travels through several coastal Los Angeles cities. Serving the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) as well as the Port of Long Beach and Los Angeles, I-405 is unquestionably one of the busiest freeways in the entire region. Because this major arterial is the only north-south freeway west of downtown Los Angeles, it is critical to the mobility of the entire Westside. To improve traffic flow, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is adding contiguous segments of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV, or carpool) lanes to I-405 with the goal of creating a seamless HOV system. HOV lane construction currently is underway on I-405 from the Century Freeway (Route 105) to the Marina Freeway (Route 90) with completion expected in 2006. Work will begin in spring 2005 on a southbound I-405 HOV lane from I-10 to Waterford Street. A proven transportation option, HOV facilities in Los Angeles County carried approximately 306,000 vehicles or 696,000 people per day in 2003.

What the Work Involves:

Construction of 3.6 miles of HOV lanes northbound and southbound on I-405 from Route 90 to I-10. The project also will include construction of soundwalls for noise mitigation.

Benefits:

This project will increase freeway capacity, reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, and reduce energy consumption, thereby improving air quality. HOV lanes are considered to be an effective means of reducing congestion. On average they save users more than half a minute per mile compared to mixed flow lanes during peak hours.

Schedules:

Construction begins fall 2004
Construction ends fall 2007

Estimated Costs:

\$167 million State and Federal funds

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